

Registration of poll particulars to close on April 15

The following is issued on behalf of the Electoral Affairs Commission:

Under the Particulars Relating to Candidates on Ballot Papers (Legislative Council and District Councils) Regulation (Cap. 541M), candidates in the Legislative Council (LegCo) and District Council (DC) elections may apply to have certain registered particulars printed on the ballot papers for easier identification by electors.

Bodies or persons wishing to register or amend their particulars with the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) in the 2020 registration cycle should hand in their applications by April 15. According to the Regulation, these particulars include the names, abbreviations of names and emblems of prescribed bodies, and the personal emblems of prescribed persons.

In accordance with the Regulation, approved specified particulars have been included in a register made available for public inspection at the EAC's website (www.eac.hk). Bodies or persons concerned are not required to make another application in respect of the specified particulars which have been approved and included in the register. Also, according to the Regulation, the EAC will deregister registered particulars if no request is made to print the particulars on ballot papers for two consecutive LegCo elections, two DC elections and the by-elections that are held between these elections.

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) will send letters starting from today (March 20) to all affected bodies and persons to state that their registered particulars will be deregistered. If members of the affected bodies and the affected persons wish to use the de-registered particulars at the 2020 LegCo General Election, they should submit fresh applications by April 15.

"Although applications can be submitted at any time during the year, only those applications submitted on or before the statutory cut-off date of April 15 will be processed within the 2020 registration cycle. Upon approval of the applications by the EAC, the specified particulars may be used in the 2020 LegCo General Election. Applications submitted after April 15 will only be processed in the 2021 registration cycle," a spokesman for the EAC said.

Application forms are available at the REO and all District Offices. They can also be downloaded from the EAC's website.

The EAC will carefully consider all applications in accordance with the criteria and procedures stipulated in the Regulation.

Details of all successful applications will be gazetted and open to public inspection at the REO during office hours. The public can also view the information at the EAC's website.

For enquiries concerning the application procedures, please call the REO hotline on 2891 1001.